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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3725
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 02886.0088

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hiroataka TODAKA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3725
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Application No.: 10/782,759)	Examiner: Edward T. Tolan
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Filed: February 23, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 7642
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For: PARTIALLY REINFORCING)	Mail Stop AF
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF)	
METAL MATERIAL)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 27, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments, including a Statement of the Substance of the Interview, follow the amendment sections of this paper.